

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

1. (Five times amended) A peptide ~~having 9 amino acids constituting a T cell epitope obtainable from the minor Histocompatibility antigen HA 1, said peptide having~~ consisting of the sequence VLXDDLLEA (SEQ ID NO:1), wherein X represents a histidine or an arginine residue.

2-5. Presently canceled.

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6-19. Previously canceled.

20. (Previously added) The peptide of claim 1, wherein X is a histidine residue.

21. (Previously amended) A preparation for stimulating the immune response comprising the peptide of claim 1.

22. (Twice amended) The preparation for stimulating the immune response of claim 4 21, wherein X is a histidine residue.

23. (Amended) A ~~pharmaceutical~~ formulation comprising the peptide of claim 1.

24. (Amended) The ~~pharmaceutical~~ formulation of claim 5 23, wherein X is a histidine residue.